

REMARKS

Claims 10-18 remain in this application. Claims 10, 11, 15 and 18 have been amended.

In the Office Action dated March 29, 2004, the Examiner rejected, in particular, independent claim 10 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nara (EP 0 874 529) in view of Naddell (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,213). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and respectfully requests the withdrawal thereof.

As the Examiner has already agreed, the Nara reference does not specifically teach a telecommunications terminal wherein it is possible to store in the numbers memory, information that indicates with which of the plurality of base stations a call number can be dialed. Indeed, Nara merely teaches a system whereby each time a mobile terminal enters a service area of an information providing device and its location is registered by such device, the area code and local code of telephone numbers and addresses which are associated only with that particular service area are sent from the information providing device to the mobile terminal. The Nara reference remains silent, however, regarding a mobile terminal which can be activated at a plurality of different base stations.

The Examiner then reasoned that the Naddell reference teaches a telecommunications terminal wherein it is possible to store in memory, information that indicates with which of a plurality of base stations communications can be made (see Col. 3, lines 1-13, 20-22 and 25-29). Thus, the Examiner reasoned, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include a telecommunications terminal wherein it is possible to store in the numbers memory, information that indicates with which of the plurality of base stations a call number can be dialed because this would allow for a telecommunications terminal that can efficiently obtain local information associated with the local area where it is located and perform a function based on that information.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Naddell reference does not, in fact, teach or suggest "a numbers memory for storing call numbers as well as information which indicates with which of the plurality of base stations each respective call number can be dialed...." Conversely, the Naddell reference discloses the transmission of service information on RF communications resources which includes an individual status indicator for each of the available services within

the system. The individual status indicator includes information identifying a service or feature that is currently available in the system. The status indicators are transmitted periodically in a message on an RF communications resource known to the communication units. A system administrator or operator determines how often these indicators are transmitted, as most appropriately fits the needs of a particular system. Conversely, the RF communications resource may be scanned (and rescanned) for the information by the communication unit, itself with the communication unit waiting a predetermined time between rescan steps. (See, generally, Col. 3, lines 41-55 and Col. 2, lines 24-41).

Thus, while a user of a mobile telecommunications terminal as disclosed in Naddell may be able to visually see (from the individual status indicators) what services may be available to him/her from a plurality of base stations, there is no such association between stored call numbers and the information which indicates with which of a plurality of base stations a particular call number can be dialed, as per the claimed invention. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's §103(a) rejection of independent claim 10, as amended, fails for lack of obviousness.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 10 of the present application, as amended, as well as claims 11-18 which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further noted that a two month extension of time of \$420.00 is due in connection with this response at this time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket Number (0112740-328) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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